

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (*Pazhanji*).—What harm was there to place it before the Advisory Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—I am not the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Are you not a member of the Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—What is the difficulty that Government had in acknowledging the communication sent to them? I want to make a statement about that. The Diwan President said in this Council in the presence of the Political Agent that such important communications will be acknowledged. For six months I have not received them. When Mr. Narayana Iyer was the Diwan, I put a similar question and the Diwan President ordered that hereafter they will be acknowledged. After the reformation of the Secretariat, that practice has gone away. Very recently I sent two or three important communications, and no acknowledgment has been received. I again wrote and to that a reply was received that the original communications were not received. There were other communications also. I am just giving an illustration, that they were not received.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member will kindly give me references.

Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—I have got with me copies. It was after putting the question that the Government of Cochin began to acknowledge them. The Diwan Mr. Narayana Iyer said that such important communications from Council Members should at least be acknowledged.

Co-operative Marketing Societies—starting of.

70. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudy*).—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have considered the desirability of starting co-operative marketing societies;

(b) by giving seasonal credits to the agriculturists, will it be possible to enable the agriculturists to sell their products at a better price than now?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*).—(a) Government have considered the desirability

of starting Co-operative Marketing Societies and one such society has already been started at Peringandur.

(b) It depends upon the market conditions then prevailing. If the market rates are low the commodities will have to be sold only when the rates go high. All village co-operative societies are now giving seasonal credits to the agriculturists with a view to enable the ryots to secure better prices for their products.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).—When was it opened—the one at Peringandur?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies.)—A few months back.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (Pazhanji).—Will it not be a relief to the poor agriculturists if loans are granted on arecanut produce?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Registrar of Co-operative Societies.)—We are trying to do something.

Poor Problem—Committee recommendations.

71. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—Will the Government give an account of the steps they have taken in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee appointed by them to report on the solution of our poor problem?

Mr. M. P. Cherian (Joint Secretary to Government).—The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—Sir, when was the committee constituted?

Mr. M. P. Cherian (Joint Secretary to Government).—Towards the beginning of July.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur.).—Is it not more than six months?

Mr. M. P. Cherian (Joint Secretary to Government).—You can calculate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur).—In how many months were they instructed to forward their report?

Mr. M. P. Cherian (Joint Secretary to Government).—They were asked to submit the report as early as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Pallippuram).—Are there any non-officials?